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TAGS: ETRD, EEC, IT

SUBJECT: COUNTERVAILING DUTIES: FLOAT GLASS CASE: ITALY

REF: ROME 1606, ROME 780

1. MINISTRY FOREIGN TRADE (MFT) REP SIMEONE (DIRECTOR, GATT/EC AFFAIRS) TELEPHONED EMBOFF FEBRUARY 11 RE FLOAT GLASS COUNTER-VAILING DUTY CASE. HE SAID MFT HAD RECEIVED QTE INFORMAL NEWS UNQTE FROM EC SOURCES THAT US TREASURY DEPARTMENT IS PERHAPS WILLING TO RECONSIDER ITS DECISION ON ITALIAN FLOAT GLASS EXPORTS
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TO THE UNITED STATES. IF SO, SIMEONE COUNQTINUED, GOI WILLING

TO GIVE A NEW PRESENTATION OF QTE GENERAL DATA UNQTE.

2. EMBOFF REPLIED THAT, IN PRESS RELEASE ISSUED IN CONNECTION WITH ITS "FINAL DETERMINATION," TREASURY INDICATED CASE WOULD BE SUBJECT TO REVIEW UPON PRESENTATION OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. EMBOFF SAID HIS IMPRESSION WAS THAT FINANCIAL INFORMATION ON LOANS/GRANTS RECEIVED FROM CASSA PER IL MEZZOGIORNO FOR CONSTRUCTION/EQUIPMENT COSTS WOULD BE MORE IMPORTANT THAN "GENERAL DATA."

3. SIMEONE INDICATED IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR GOI TO KNOW EXACTLY WHAT DATA ARE DESIRED AT THIS POINT BY TREASURY.

4. ACTION REQUESTED. PLEASE ADVISE EMBASSY AS TO INFORMATION WHICH WOULD BE MOST USEFUL TO TREASURY IN REVIEWING FLOAT GLASS CASE, SO THAT EMBASSY CAN INFORM MFT AND OTHER INTERESTED GOI AGENCIES IN POSITION TO CAJOLE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM STATE-OWNED FIRM SIV.

5. COMMENT. THIS IS SECOND RECENT INDICATION (SEE ROME 1606 RE INITIAL APPROACH) THAT GOI WOULD LIKE TO RESOLVE THIS CASE. GIVEN GOI INTEREST IN SIV (THROUGH ENI AND EFIM), HOWEVER, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT FULL DISCLOSURE OF FINANCIAL DATA MIGHT ONLY CONFIRM THAT BOUNTY OR GRANT WAS RECEIVED, THUS UPHOLDING TREASURY'S POSITIVE DETERMINATION. IF, UPON REVIEWING FINANCIAL DATA, GOI WERE TO CONCLUDE THAT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO SIV MIGHT BE ON SUCH A SCALE AS TO CONSTITUTE A BOUNTY OR GRANT, EMBASSY DOUBTS THAT GOI WOULD RELEASE SUCH DATA. VOLPE

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